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In re Application of :  
Creighton, et al.  
Application No. 09/083,298 :  
Filed: May 22, 1998 :  
Attorney Docket No. PD-96065 :  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
INTERCONNECTING CIRCUIT BOARDS IN A  
STACK CONFIGURATION

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a), filed on December 11, 2003 (December 9, 2003), in which petitioner states the delay in submitting a reply to the June 30, 2000 final Office action was unavoidable because the final Office action was mailed to the wrong address.<sup>1</sup>

The petition will be treated under 37 CFR 1.181 as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, rather than a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **GRANTED**.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

The Office contended that this application became abandoned on October 1, 2000, for failure to submit a reply to the June 30, 2000 final Office action which set an extendable three month period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 30, 2001.

A review of the application file reveals that the Office received an Address Change, filed April 18, 2000. Unfortunately, the Address Change was not entered into Office records. Therefore, the June 30, 2000 final Office action was mailed to the company's previous address.

Accordingly, the holding of abandonment is **withdrawn**. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby

As this petition was treated under 37 CFR 1.181, a petition fee is not required. The \$110 fee submitted with the instant petition will be credited to deposit account no. 50-0616.

A courtesy copy of this decision will be mailed to the address listed on the petition. The Change of Correspondence Address filed with the instant petition lists a Customer Number and a different address. Dual correspondence will not be undertaken. Any ambiguity with respect to correspondence address is resolved in favor of the address of the Customer Number. MPEP 403.

~~This application file is being returned to Technology Center 3700's technical support staff for entry of the RCE, filed December 11, 2003 (certificate of mailing date December 9, 2003), and consideration of the amendment filed on the same date.~~

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6712.

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